

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert a reference to the PCT application and the Japanese priority applications.

The abstract has been amended to present it in one paragraph and to correct a grammatical error.

Claims 1-14 have been canceled and new claims 15-33 were added.

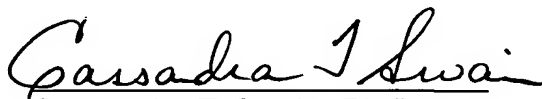
Examination in light of these amendments is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter in connection with this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to the Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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